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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic to provide high speed fiber internet to my home where my mother and I live. This internet service is imperative for us because it is the only high speed affordable for us -- Comcast kept raising the rates for slower internet that required bundling to be affordable, and while my mom qualified for Access from AT&T as a low-income senior, the service was not reliable because it used faulty old telephone wires (we live in a 1920s building in San Francisco) and we had three techs come out to trouble shoot over the course of a couple months. Sonic is the ONLY fiber internet provider in my area, and many people don't even have an option to purchase fiber internet access, which is why the market needs to remain open for competition and expansion. Also, I support Net Neutrality and Sonic also supports net neutrality unlike Comcast and AT&T. While net neutrality may not be important to the FCC, it is to me, and as an American, I chose to "vote with my dollars" and need a competitive, open market place to do so -- isn't that patriotic and putting American values of democracy into action? I am a librarian and believe in the equal access to information, and in this day in age, that access is predicated on internet access. We cannot grow a critical and competitive work force without it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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